

2013 Grand Canyon Reader Award Nominees

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Non-Fiction

Hot Diggity Dog: The History of the Hot Dog

by Adrienne Sylver

Overview of the hot dog. Discusses its popularity in sports stadiums, lists famous hot-dog stands, and covers named topping combinations, such as the Chicago Dog. Includes recipes and fun food facts. For grades 2-4. 2010.

DB75228

BARD

Intermediate

The Crowfield Curse

by Pat Walsh

1347. While gathering wood in the forest, fourteen-year-old orphan William, a servant at Crowfield Abbey, finds a magical creature caught in a trap. William, who can see fays, becomes embroiled in a strange mystery involving old magic, a bitter feud, and ancient secrets. For grades 4-7. 2010.

DB71873

BARD

Emily's Fortune

by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Out West, back when. Suddenly orphaned, eight-year-old Emily Wiggins departs by train and stagecoach to live in Rosebud with her aunt by marriage. Unfortunately, her mean Uncle Victor, with his eyes on her large inheritance, intends otherwise. Fortunately, Emily's new friend Jackson devises a plan. For grades 3-6. 2010.

DB71454

BARD

The Familiars

by Adam Jay Epstein and Andrew Jacobson

Alley cat Aldwyn passes himself off as a magical animal companion to Jack, a young wizard in training. When an evil queen kidnaps Jack and two other wizards, Aldwyn and his fellow familiars--a know-it-all blue jay and a bumbling tree frog--must save the kingdom. For grades 4-7. 2010.

DB75448

BARD

Hide and Seek

by Katy Grant

Fourteen-year-old Chase lives in the remote mountains of Arizona with his mother, stepfather, and two sisters. When Chase discovers two kidnapped boys he comes up with a plan to get them to safety--but then is caught up in a dangerous adventure. For grades 5-8. 2010.

BR19621

Ninth Ward

by Jewell Parker Rhodes

New Orleans, Ninth Ward; August 2005. Twelve-year-old orphan Lanesha, who sees spirits, prepares for hurricane Katrina with her eighty-two-year-old adoptive grandmother, Mama Ya-Ya. Unable to evacuate, they gather supplies and two refugees--neighbor TaShon and his dog Spot. For grades 4-7. Coretta Scott King Honor. 2010.

BR19190

DB72604

BARD

Touch Blue

by Cynthia Lord

When the state of Maine threatens to close their island's schoolhouse because there are too few students, eleven-year-old Tess Brooks's family and other islanders take in foster children. The Brooks care for thirteen-year-old Aaron--but things are not as easy as they had hoped. For grades 3-6. 2010.

DB75484

BARD

Turtle in Paradise

by Jennifer L. Holm

In 1935, when money is scarce during the Great Depression, ten-year-old Turtle goes to Key West, Florida, to live with relatives she's never met. Her adventures with her cousins involve a treasure map, a hurricane, and an ornery grandmother. For grades 4-7. Newbery Honor Book.. 2010

BR19109

DB72844

BARD

Tween

After Ever After

by Jordan Sonnenblick

Jeffrey Alper, from Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie (RC 64360, BR 17937), makes a deal with best friend and fellow cancer survivor Tad: in return for math tutoring, Jeffrey will help Tad learn to walk again before eighth-grade graduation. Meanwhile, Jeffrey falls for new girl Lindsey. For grades 5-8. 2010.

BR18878

DB70791

BARD

Countdown—A Novel

by Deborah Wiles

It's 1962--a time of bomb shelters, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and 45 rpm records. Franny Chapman copes with her war-shocked uncle, troublesome older sister, and saintly younger brother. She also feuds with her former best friend and attends her first boy-girl dance party. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 2010.

DB72088

BARD

Death Cloud

by Andy Lane

When fourteen-year-old Sherlock Holmes stays with his eccentric uncle and aunt during a break from the Deepdene School for Boys, he encounters his first murder mystery. Two men appear to have died from the plague, but Holmes believes otherwise. For junior and senior high and older readers. 2010.

DB73573

BARD

Matched

by Ally Condie

In a supposedly perfect future world, bureaucrats determine which young adults will marry in a process called the Matching. Cassia is delighted when she is paired with her best friend Xander. Then a different, forbidden boy appears on Cassia's datacard. For senior high and older readers. 2010.

DB73525

BARD

Mockingbird (Mok'ing~bird)

by Kathryn Erskine

Caitlin, a ten-year-old with Asperger syndrome, has difficulty grieving over the recent death of her brother Devon, who often explained things to her. After looking up "closure" in the dictionary, Caitlin tries to convince her father that finishing Devon's Eagle Scout project will help them cope. For grades 4-7. National Book Award. 2010.

DB072623

BARD

Okay for Now

by Gary D. Schmidt

Maryville, New York; 1968. Eighth-grader Doug, who loves baseball statistics and drawing, manages to be upbeat and honorable--despite having an abusive father, a brother who has been accused of robbery, and another brother who has returned from Vietnam injured. Companion to The Wednesday Wars (DB/RC 65788). For grades 6-9. 2011.

BR19362

DB73716

BARD

Payback Time

by Carl Deuker

Lincoln High School, Seattle. Overweight and shy Daniel "Mitch" True, sports reporter for the school newspaper, is determined to learn the real story behind Angel Marichal, a talented new football player who refuses to draw attention on the field--or to discuss his past. For junior and senior high readers. 2010.

DB71870

BARD

The Red Pyramid

by Rick Riordan

After his mother's death, Carter Kane follows his Egyptologist father, Julius, across the globe. When they visit the British Museum to reunite with Carter's sister, a mysterious figure banishes Julius, sending the siblings on a dangerous adventure to save their dad. Some violence. For grades 5-8 and older readers. Commercial audiobook. 2010.

DB71322

BARD

The Roar

by Emma Clayton

In a future London without animals or nature, twelve-year-old Mika feels certain that his twin sister Ellie is alive, despite his being told that she died. So he enters a violent virtual-reality game competition for mutant kids as an opportunity to look for Ellie. Some violence. For grades 5-8. 2009.

DB70115

BARD

The Rock and the River

by Kekla Magoon

Chicago, 1968. Sam respects the teachings of his peaceful civil-rights activist father. But when Sam and his girlfriend Maxie witness a friend's brutal beating by white police officers, Sam questions waiting versus action. And his brother joins the Black Panther Party. Some violence. For junior and senior high readers. Coretta Scott King Award. 2009.

BR18709

DB69290

BARD

Teen

After

by Amy Efaw

Fifteen-year-old Devon abandons her newborn baby in a dumpster. Devon's single mother never knew about the pregnancy and the teen has spent nine months in denial. When the police arrest her, Devon confronts her past to regain control of her life. Some violence. For senior high readers. 2009.

DB70364

BARD

Annexed

by Sharon Dogar

The author, a children's psychotherapist, creates a fictionalized portrait of teenager Peter van Pels, who fell in love with Anne Frank while they were in hiding together during the Nazi occupation of Holland. Some violence and some strong language. For junior and senior high and older readers.

2010.

DB72496

BARD

Between Shades of Gray

by Ruta Sepetys

1941. Fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and her brother are taken from their Lithuanian home by the Soviet secret police. When her father is sentenced to death in a Siberian prison camp, Lina vows to honor her family by documenting what happened. Some violence. For senior high and older readers. 2011.

DB74452

BARD

Boneshaker

by Cherie Priest

Alternate 1800s. Inventor Leviticus Blue unleashes a zombie-generating gas and decimates Seattle with his Incredible Bone-Shaking Drill Engine. His son Zeke runs into danger trying to clear his father's name, while Zeke's mother Briar rushes to rescue her son within the city's walls. Some violence and some strong language. 2009.

DB70887

BARD

Bruiser

by Neal Shusterman

When sixteen-year-old Brontë dates a guy nicknamed "Bruiser," her twin brother Tennyson tries to stop the relationship, but ends up liking Bruiser. Then the twins notice that their wounds heal unnaturally fast, and they wonder who Bruiser really is. Some violence. For senior high and older readers. Commercial audiobook. 2010.

DB75241

BARD

Clockwork Angel

by Cassandra Clare

When Tessa Gray's older brother suddenly vanishes, her search for him leads her into Victorian-era London's dangerous supernatural underworld. Tessa discovers she is a powerful Downworlder and must learn to trust demon-killing Shadowhunters if she wants to find her brother. Some violence. For senior high and older readers. 2010.

DB72530

BARD

I Am Number Four

by Pittacus Lore

Nine Lorien children were sent to Earth after their planet was attacked. Charmed for protection, the powerful children scatter until they are strong enough to fight as one--but the Mogadorians are hunting them. Violence and some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2010.

DB73995

BARD

Into the Beautiful North

by Luis Alberto Urrea

On a quest to find seven Mexican warriors to save their man-less town from drug lords, nineteen-year-old Nayeli and three companions journey to Tijuana and cross the border into the United States. Although Nayeli perseveres to Illinois, unexpected poverty and romance characterize the women's illegal-immigrant lives. Some strong language. 2009.

DB69198

BARD

Marcelo in the Real World

by Francisco X. Stork

Seventeen-year-old Marcelo Sandoval, who has autism, gets a summer job working in the mail room of his father's law firm. Exposed to real-world situations, Marcelo has encounters with his boss Jasmine that bring romance and a myriad of emotions to the surface. For junior and senior high readers. Schneider Family Book Award. 2009.

BR18579

DB70277

BARD

Revolution

by Jennifer Donnelly

Angry, grieving seventeen-year-old Andi, who faces expulsion from her prestigious Brooklyn private school, travels to Paris to complete a school assignment. There she discovers a diary written during the French Revolution by a young actress trying to help Louis-Charles--the lost king of France. For senior high and older readers. 2010.

DB72484

BARD

Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption

by Laura Hillenbrand

Author of *Seabiscuit* (DB 51968) details the life of Louis Zamperini (b. 1917), an Olympic runner and World War II bombardier, who survived a plane crash and forty-seven days adrift at sea only to become a POW in Japan. Relates Louis's later religious awakening under Billy Graham's ministry. Violence. Bestseller. 2010.

DB72129

BARD

Zoe's Tale

by John Scalzi

Zoë Boutin, adopted daughter of John Perry and Jane Sagan, not only faces the usual challenges of youth, she also plays a pivotal role forging an alliance with the alien Obin. Zoë travels to the dangerous space colony Roanoke to facilitate diplomacy. Sequel to *The Last Colony* (RC 65605). 2008.

DB67715

BARD